

## Taking a Quality Sample



DO NOT USE WHIRL PACKS



Send It in Tubes Only



Excellent Sample Condition



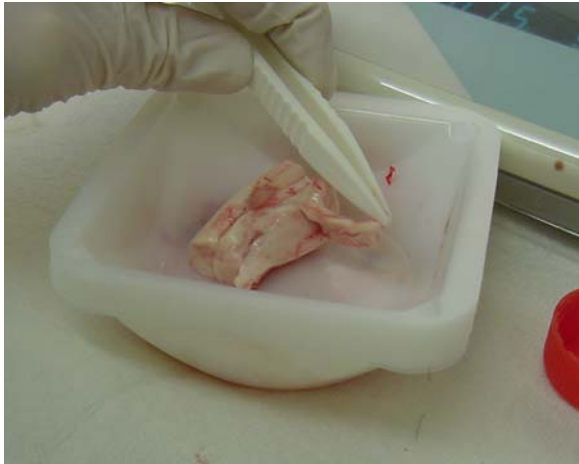
Good Sample Condition



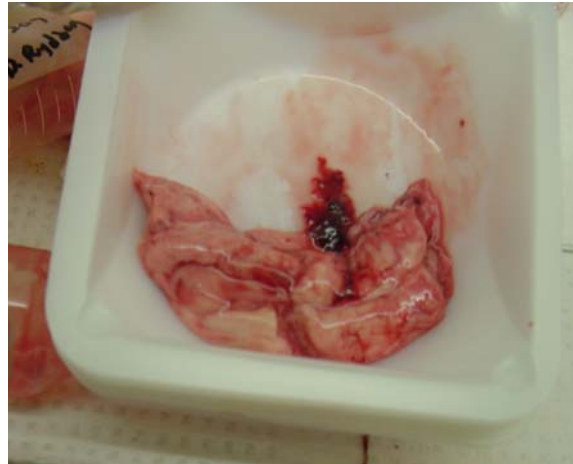
Good Sample with Slight Autolysis



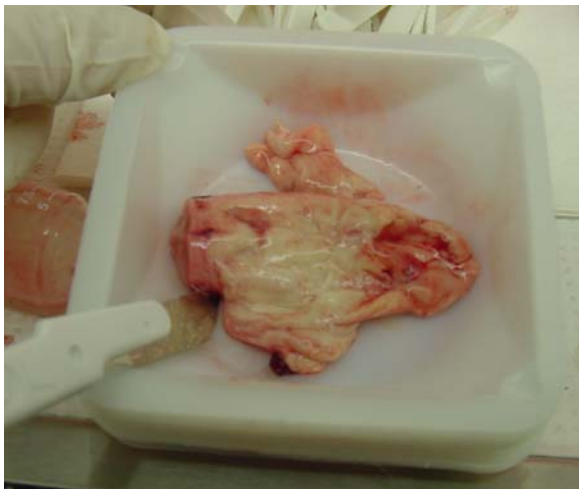
Fair Sample with Distinct Autolysis



Mutilated Sample with No Autolysis



Mutilated Sample with No Autolysis  
ID Questionable

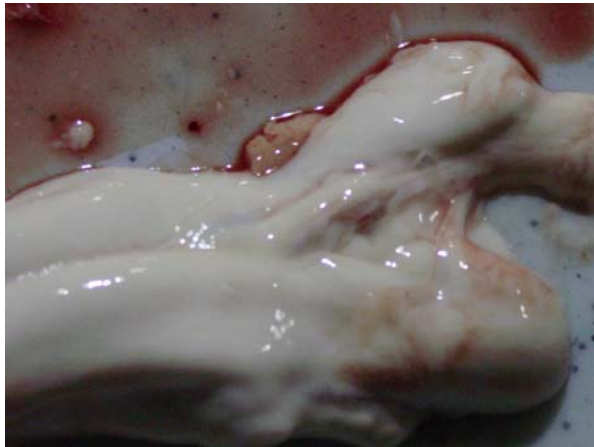


Mutilated Sample with Slight Autolysis  
ID Questionable



Mutilated Sample with Slight Autolysis  
ID Questionable

NOTE: Questionable ID samples will be tested and reported as ND/NO (not detected / not obex). Although PrPres was not detected in this sample, the specimen could not definitely be identified as the preferred location recommended for testing (the medulla at the obex). Therefore, the significance of these results is unknown.



Mutilated Sample with Advanced Autolysis  
Not Identifiable



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Not Identifiable



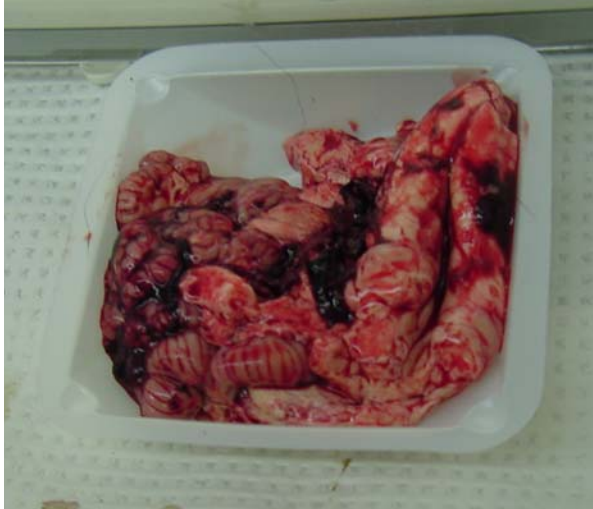
Mutilated Sample with Advanced Autolysis  
Not Identifiable



Liquid State

NOTE: Samples that are too autolyzed (liquid) to recognize the area of the brain will not be tested. For samples that are already showing some autolysis at the time of collection, it may be prudent to fix such samples in formalin and submit them for testing by IHC rather than by ELISA.



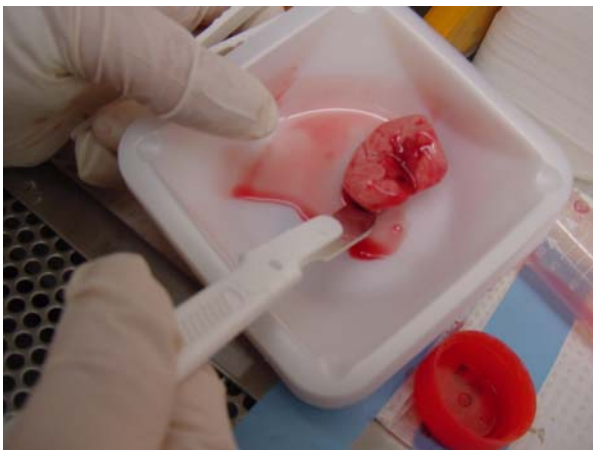


Too Much Tissue Submitted



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NOTE: While some excess tissue is okay (the second photo), there have been cases where the sample is compressed and mutilated because the excess tissue was forced into the tube.



Too Little Tissue Submitted

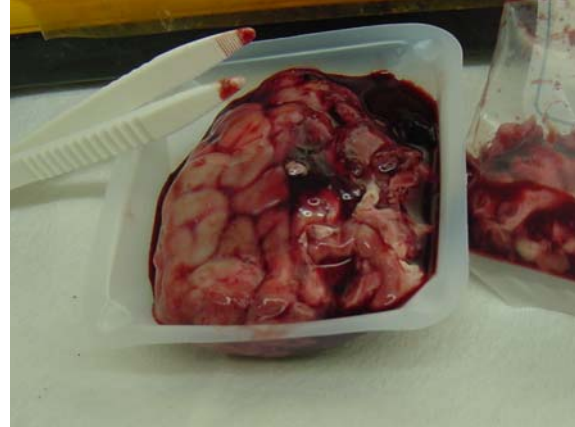


Too Little Tissue Submitted

NOTE: The samples in these photos are suitable for ELISA testing and if negative by ELISA there would not be a problem, but if the results were inconclusive then it would be difficult to process for IHC and additional testing.



Do Not Send Cerebellum



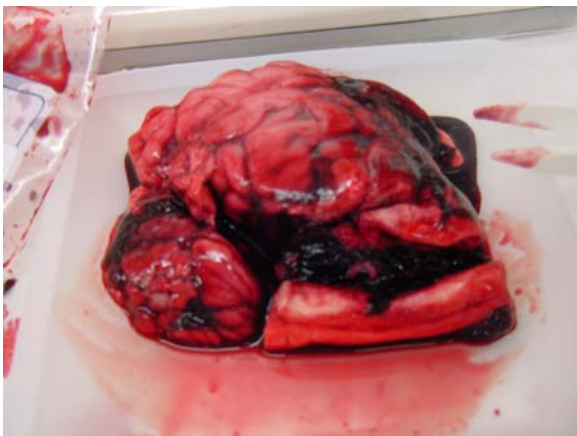
Do Not Send Cerebrum



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Unacceptable Quality – DO NOT SUBMIT

NOTE: The samples with cerebrum, cerebellum, and those that are too autolyzed (liquid) to recognize the area of the brain will not be tested.